

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. In this listing of claims, claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 15-18, 27, 28, 31-34, 42-47 and 55-58 have been amended and claims 59-94 have been added.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A system for interactive wagering, comprising:

a database that stores data relating to a plurality of wagering accounts; and

a plurality of types of user interface systems[[,]] that ~~received~~ are configured to:

receive data relating to a single wagering account stored in the database, ~~that;~~

receive wager information from a user[[,]];
and

~~that~~ provide the data relating to a single wagering account ~~received~~ to the user, wherein ~~at least~~ one of the plurality of types of user interface systems is a television wagering control system that provides the data

relating to the single wagering account to a television distribution system and that receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal, and wherein at least another of the plurality of types of user interface systems is selected from the group consisting of:

an interactive voice response control system that receives a telephone call from an external source, that provides, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account, and that receives wager information from the external source through the telephone call[[,]]; and ~~wherein at least another of the plurality of types of user interface systems is~~

a computer wagering control system that provides the data relating to the single wagering account to an external computer and that receives wager information from the external computer through the Internet.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~plurality of types of user interface systems comprises~~ system selected from the group is the interactive voice response control system

~~a television wagering control system that provides the data relating to the single wagering account to a television distribution system.~~

3. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

4. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

5. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

6. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

7. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

8. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager

information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

9. (original) The system of claim 2, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the interactive voice response control system receives the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the interactive voice response control system receives the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

13-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 59, wherein the computer wagering control system provides the data relating to the single wagering account to the external

computer and receives the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim [[1]] 59, wherein the computer wagering control system provides the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receives the wager information from the external computer through a wireless connection to the external computer.

17. (currently amended) A method for interactive wagering, comprising:

storing data relating to a plurality of wagering accounts in a database; and

using a plurality of types of user interface systems to receive data relating to a single wagering account stored in the database, ~~receiving~~ receive wager information from a user and ~~providing~~ provide data relating to a single wagering account to the user, ~~using a plurality of types of user interface systems, further comprising~~ wherein one of the plurality of types of user interface systems is a television wagering control system, wherein at least another of the

plurality of types of user interface systems is selected from the group consisting of an interactive voice response control system and a computer wagering control system, and wherein:

using the interactive voice response control system comprises:

receiving a telephone call from an external source_{[[,]]};

providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account_{[[,]]}; and

receiving the wager information from the external source through the telephone call, ~~and further comprising;~~

using the computer wagering control system comprises:

providing the data relating to the single wagering account to an external computer; and

receiving the wager information from the external computer through the Internet; and

using the television wagering control system comprises:

providing the data relating to the
single wagering account to a television distribution system;
and
receiving the wagering information
from a television wagering terminal.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17,
~~further comprising: wherein the user interface system selected~~
~~from the group is the interactive voice response control system~~
~~providing the data relating to the single~~
~~wagering account to a television distribution system; and~~
~~receiving the wager information from a~~
~~television wagering terminal.~~

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the
television distribution system is a cable system.

20. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the
television distribution system is a satellite television
system.

21. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the
television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

22. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving wager information from the television wagering terminal further

comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 18, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, the voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

28. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 18, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

29-30. (cancelled)

31. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

33. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with machine-readable instructions for providing information in an interactive wagering system, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

storing data relating to a plurality of wagering accounts in a database; and

using a plurality of types of user interface systems to receive data relating to a single wagering account stored in the database, ~~receiving~~ receive wager information from a user and ~~providing~~ provide data relating to a single wagering account to the user, ~~using a plurality of types of user interface systems, further comprising wherein one of the plurality of types of user interface systems is a television wagering control system, wherein at least another of the plurality of types of user interface systems is selected from the group consisting of an interactive voice response control system and a computer wagering control system, and wherein:~~

using the interactive voice response control system comprises:

receiving a telephone call from an external source[[,]];

providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account[[,]];

receiving the wager information from
the external source through the telephone call, ~~and further~~
~~comprising;~~

using the computer wagering control system
comprises:

providing the data relating to the
single wagering account to an external computer; and

receiving the wager information from
the external computer through the Internet; and

using the television wagering control
system comprises:

providing the data relating to the
single wagering account to a television distribution system;
and

receiving the wagering information
from a television wagering terminal.

34. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium
of claim 33, wherein the ~~plurality of types of~~ user interface
~~systems comprises;~~ system selected from the group is the
interactive voice response control system

~~a television wagering control system that provides the data relating to the single wagering account to a television distribution system and that receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal.~~

35. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

36. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

37. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

38. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

39. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television wagering control

system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

40. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

41. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

42. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~[[33]]~~ 34, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

43. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[33]] 34, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

44. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[33]] 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

45. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[33]] 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering

account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

46. (currently amended) A system for interactive wagering, the apparatus comprising:

means for storing data relating to a plurality of wagering accounts in a database; and

means for using a plurality of types of user interface systems to receive data relating to a single wagering account stored in the database, ~~receiving~~ receive wager information from a user and ~~providing~~ provide data relating to a single wagering account to the user, ~~using a plurality of types of user interface systems, further comprising~~ wherein one of the plurality of types of user interface systems is a television wagering control system, wherein at least another of the plurality of types of user interface systems is selected from the group consisting of an interactive voice response control system and a computer wagering control system, and wherein:

means for using the interactive voice response control system comprises:

means for receiving a telephone call
from an external source[[,]];

means for providing, to the external
source through the telephone call, voice prompts that
correspond to the data relating to the single wagering
account[[,]]; and

means for receiving the wager
information from the external source through the telephone
call, ~~and further comprising;~~

means for using the computer wagering
control system comprises:

means for providing the data relating
to the single wagering account to an external computer; and

means for receiving the wager
information from the external computer through the Internet;
and

means for using the television wagering
control system comprises:

means for providing the data relating
to the single wagering account to a television distribution
system; and

means for receiving the wagering
information from a television wagering terminal.

47. (currently amended) The system of claim 46,
wherein the ~~plurality of types of~~ user interface systems
~~comprises:~~ system selected from the group is the interactive
voice response control system

~~a television wagering control system that~~
~~provides the data relating to the single wagering account to a~~
~~television distribution system and that receives the wager~~
~~information from a television wagering terminal.~~

48. (previously presented) The system of claim 47,
wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

49. (previously presented) The system of claim 47,
wherein the television distribution system is a satellite
television system.

50. (previously presented) The system of claim 47,
wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television
set-top box.

51. (previously presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

52. (previously presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

53. (previously presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

54. (previously presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

55. (currently amended) The system of claim [[46]] 47, wherein the means for receiving the telephone call from the external source, the means for providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account,

and the means for receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises means for receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

56. (currently amended) The system of claim [[46]] 47, wherein the means for receiving the telephone call from the external source, the means for providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the data relating to the single wagering account, and the means for receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises means for receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

57. (currently amended) The system of claim [[46]] 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the means for receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and means for receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

58. (currently amended) The system of claim [[46]] 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the means for receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and means for receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

59. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface system selected from the group is the computer wagering control system.

60. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the computer wagering control system provides the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receives the wager information from the external computer, through an Internet connection to the external computer.

61. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

62. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

63. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

64. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

65. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

66. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

67. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager

information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

68. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the user interface system selected from the group is the computer wagering control system.

69. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving the wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through an Internet connection to the external computer.

70. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

71. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

72. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

73. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

74. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

75. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

76. (new) The method of claim 68, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager

information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

77. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 33, wherein the user interface system selected from the group is the computer wagering control system.

78. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the receiving the wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through an Internet connection to the external computer.

79. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

80. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

81. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

82. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

83. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

84. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

85. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 77, wherein the providing the data relating to the single wagering

account to the television distribution system and the receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

86. (new) The system of claim 46, wherein the user interface system selected from the group is the computer wagering control system.

87. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and the means for receiving the wager information from the external computer further comprises means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the external computer and means for receiving the wager information from the external computer, through an Internet connection to the external computer.

88. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

89. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

90. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

91. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

92. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

93. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

94. (new) The system of claim 86, wherein the means for providing the data relating to the single wagering account to the television distribution system and the means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal further comprises means for receiving the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.